

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 26, 30-32, 34, and 37 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness rejections applied thereto. Claims 31 and 32 have been further amended in accordance with the subject matter recited in claim 26. Support for the amendments is provided at least in the original claims.

Claims 26, 27, 30-35, and 37 were rejected, under 35 USC §102(e), as being anticipated by Neumiller et al. (US 6,226,283). Claims 28, 29, and 36 were rejected, under 35 USC §103(a), as being unpatentable over Neumiller in view of Parkvall et al. (US 6,542,736). To the extent these rejections are deemed applicable to the amended claims, Applicants respectfully traverse based on the points set forth below.

Claim 26 recites a system in which: (1) a communication terminal communicates to a base station a packet identifier identifying a next packet to be communicated by the base station and (2) the base station communicates the identified packet to the communication terminal.

It is submitted that Neumiller fails to disclose this combination of features.

By contrast to the above-noted claimed features, Neumiller discloses an anchor base station that communicates to another base station a message containing a frame number and a destination address (Neumiller col. 4, lines 20-26). Upon receiving this message, the other base station transmits information identified by the frame number to a switch, which routes the information to the destination address via a gateway (col. 4, lines 26-34). Thus, Neumiller does not disclose the combined features of a first station that communicates a packet identifier to a second station and, thereafter, the second station communicates the identified packet back to the first terminal, as recited in claim 26.

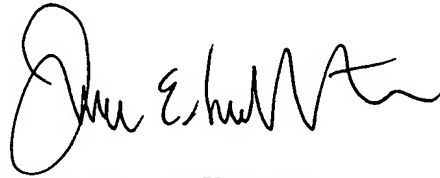
Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully submit that Neumiller does not anticipate the subject matter defined by claim 26. Claims 31, 32, and 34 similarly recite the above-described features distinguishing apparatus claim 26 from Neumiller, although claim 34 does so with respect to a method.

Therefore, it is submitted that allowance of claims 26, 31, 32, and 34 and all claims dependent therefrom is warranted.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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